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REMARKS

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SOURCE

25X1A 1. source learned from an acquaintance of his who until recently had served with a KVP unit at Spechtberg that the KVP installation there housed 40 T-34/85 tanks, 34 JS-II and 30 JS-III tanks besides, allegedly, two tanks of a new type which owing to their rounded-off configuration were called "tortoise", 1 and 2

25X1A 2. source observed at least 40 tanks, most of them T-34/85s, parked in the wooded area west of Neumuhl. Two tanks were particularly noted. They were carefully covered with tarpaulins and appeared to be much wider though slightly lower than T-34 tanks. Source learned from a VP man stationed at Spechtberg that equipment available there included a new type of tank which has tracks nearly one meter wide and which was referred to as "tortoise".

25X1A 1. Comment. The number of tanks observed by source at Spechtberg is believed to be correct. The tanks seen approximately represent the authorized total equipment of the medium tank regiment and the heavy tank SP regiment of Mechanized Division Eggesin. Both regiments are stationed at Spechtberg.

25X1A 2. Comment. The information on a new type of tank previously not observed with KVP units is rather vague and does not constitute sufficient evidence for the availability at Spechtberg of a new tank, say the JS-3 tank.